SENATE BILL NO. 318

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR LEMBKE.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 334.098 and 337.649, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to complaints against certain licensed professionals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 334.098 and 337.649, RSMo, are repealed and two new

- 2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 334.098 and 337.649, to
- 3 read as follows:

334.098. 1. If the board finds merit to a complaint by an individual

- 2 incarcerated or under the care and control of the department of corrections or by
- an individual who has been ordered to be taken into custody, detained,
- 4 or held under sections 632.480 to 632.513, RSMo, and takes further
- 5 investigative action, no documentation may appear on file or disciplinary action
- 3 may be taken in regards to the licensee's license unless the provisions of
- 7 subsection 2 of section 334.100 have been violated. Any case file documentation
- 8 that does not result in the board filing an action pursuant to subsection 2 of
- 9 section 334.100 shall be destroyed within three months after the final case
- 10 disposition by the board. No notification to any other licensing board in another
- 11 state or any national registry regarding any investigative action shall be made
- 12 unless the provisions of subsection 2 of section 334.100 have been violated.
- 13 2. Upon written request of the physician subject to a complaint, prior to
- 14 August 28, 1999, by an individual incarcerated or under the care and control of
- 15 the department of corrections or prior to August 28, 2009, by an individual
- 16 who has been ordered to be taken into custody, detained, or held under
- 17 sections 632.480 to 632.513, RSMo, that did not result in the board filing an
- 18 action pursuant to subsection 2 of section 334.100, the board and the division of
- 19 professional registration, shall in a timely fashion:

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- 20 (1) Destroy all documentation regarding the complaint;
- 21 (2) Notify any other licensing board in another state or any national 22 registry regarding the board's actions if they have been previously notified of the 23 complaint; and
 - (3) Send a letter to the licensee that clearly states that the board found the complaint to be unsubstantiated, that the board has taken the requested action, and notify the licensee of the provisions of subsection 3 of this section.
 - 3. Any person who has been the subject of an unsubstantiated complaint as provided in subsection 1 or 2 of this section shall not be required to disclose the existence of such complaint in subsequent applications or representations relating to their medical practice.
- 337.649. 1. If the board finds merit to a complaint by an individual incarcerated or under the care and control of the department of corrections or by an individual who has been ordered to be taken into custody, detained, or held under sections 632.480 to 632.513, RSMo, and takes further investigative action, no documentation may appear on file or disciplinary action may be taken in regards to the licensee's license unless the provisions of subsection 2 of section 337.630 or subsection 2 of section 337.680 have been 7 violated. Any case file documentation that does not result in the board filing an action under and pursuant to subsection 2 of section 337.630 or subsection 2 of 10 section 337.680 shall be destroyed within three months after the final case disposition by the board. No notification to any other licensing board in another 11 state or any national registry regarding any investigative action shall be made 12unless the provisions of subsection 2 of section 337.630 or subsection 2 of section 13 14 337.680 have been violated.
 - 2. Upon written request of the social worker subject to a complaint, prior to August 28, 2007, by an individual incarcerated or under the care and control of the department of corrections or prior to August 28, 2009, by an individual who has been ordered to be taken into custody, detained, or held under sections 632.480 to 632.513, RSMo, that did not result in the board filing an action under and pursuant to subsection 2 of section 337.630 or subsection 2 of section 337.680, the board and the division of professional registration shall in a timely fashion:
 - (1) Destroy all documentation regarding the complaint;
- 24 (2) Notify any other licensing board in another state or any national 25 registry regarding the board's actions if they have been previously notified of the

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26 complaint; and

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(3) Send a letter to the licensee that clearly states that the board found the complaint to be unsubstantiated, that the board has taken the requested action, and notify the licensee of the provisions of subsection 3 of this section.

3. Any person who has been the subject of an unsubstantiated complaint as provided in subsection 1 or 2 of this section shall not be required to disclose the existence of such complaint in subsequent applications or representations relating to their social work professions.

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